

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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1974 BASEBALL SEASON: The 1974 baseball season is in full swing. Four hundred Seventy-three teams are playing in the summer baseball tournament this year. I hope your season will be a successful one.

MEMBERSHIP: The Association membership this year rose to 384. We have established for our 1974-75 goal 400 members. We have achieved our goals every year for the past six years. If there is a coach in your league or area who is not a member, mention the organization to him and explain what we are trying to do for baseball. Remind him of the clinic that will be held next March 14-15, 1975, which is free to members.

It's time for the coaches to renew their membership and help us make Iowa the best high school baseball state in the country. Send in your dues and have them paid up until September 1, 1975. The association needs your membership in order to set up our clinic and send out the newsletters to you.

This letter is going to every baseball coach in the state. If you are not a member of the coaches association, we would like to have you join and help promote baseball by getting involved. We need good baseball people and you will get many returns from our membership. Head coach membership is \$5 and assistant coaches \$5, umpires \$3, and fans of baseball \$3.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: President Dick Wagner, Burlington, appointed the District Chairmen for All District Team selection and conducting the District meetings that will be held in the five districts throughout Iowa. They are: Northeast district: Al Seabrooke, Claremont Elgin; Southeast district: Dick Wagner, Burlington; Central district: Rick Mathews, Marshalltown; Northwest district: Eugene Speraw, Sioux City; and Southwest district: Ron Clinton, Creston. The following dates have been set for the meetings:

Northwest District: July 20, 9:30 a.m., Sioux City North
Southwest District: July 20, 10:00 a.m., South Western Comm.
College

Central District: July 20, 10:00 a.m., Marshalltown High
Southeast District: July 21, 3:00 p.m., Burlington High
Northeast District: July 20, 9:30 a.m., Waterloo East High

REMEMBER -- RETURN THAT DISTRICT BALLOT NOW

DISTRICT MEETINGS AGENDA: The following topics will be discussed at your district level meeting. Please make every effort to attend

- 1/Recommendations for Hall of Fame membership
- 2/District coach of the year award--three nominees
- 3/All District Team selection
- 4/Membership
- 5/Recommendation for Board of Control to consider at the Board's October meeting

SCHEDULE FOR ALL DISTRICT TEAMS SELECTION: 1/Ballots out to coaches by July 8th, 2/Ballots back to Executive Secretary by July 15, 3/District team selection July 20-21 by District meetings, 4/District teams released to press August 5 at 12:00 noon.

ALL DISTRICT BALLOT: Enclosed you will find your All District Ballot. Please fill it out and send it back before July 15. You may vote for any boy who you feel is deserving of All District. If your team plays in more than one district, vote for the boys on the back of the ballot who are not in your district. Their names will be forwarded to the district in which they belong. Enclosed is a map of the five district that you can put the name of the boy on if he is not in your district. Please give as much information as possible on any boy you nominate. This will be very much appreciated by the selection committee.

All-District Priorities: This is the list of priorities that the committees will follow in selecting All-District teams.

1/1st team all state any previous year	10/Degree of difficulty of schedule
2/2nd team all state any previous year	
3/3rd team all state any previous year	11/Nomination from floor by committee members
4/4th team all state any previous year	
5/1st team all district any previous year	12/Year in school of player
6/2nd team all district any previous year	
7/3rd team all district any previous year	13/Coach is member of baseball association
8/Nomination of player by his own coach	
9/Number of votes for nominated player	

DISTRICT COACH: We would also like for you to nominate a District Coach from your district. He should be a coach who is deserving of the honor for his work on and off the field of baseball.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION: If you have a former coach or someone you know who you feel is deserving of Hall of Fame honors, write his name down on the blank. We need some suggestions for people throughout the state who have promoted baseball throughout the years. If you have a little history of your nominee, please send it, too.

COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION: On the College Coaches nomination, nominate a two-year college coach and a four-year college coach. A college coach will be chosen from one of the two categories. A two-year school would be a junior college and four-year a small college or university. Nominate coaches you feel are deserving of this honor.

CALL IN YOUR GAMES: We would like to remind you coaches to send in the scores of your games to your local newspaper or nearest newspaper plus the DES MOINES REGISTER. Call your scores to the radio and television stations in your local area. Make sure you send a schedule to your newspaper, radio and television people. Promote baseball by helping your press and radio people know what you are doing.

SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS: A number of tournaments are being held throughout the state. Here are a few tournaments that have been held and also some that you might be interested in attending.

- 1/Cedar Rapids Metro Tournament--Winner CR Jefferson
- 2/Norway Invitational--Winner Norway
- 3/Dyersville Tournament--Winner Dubuque Hempstead
- 4/Burlington 6th Annual Greyhound (varsity) Invitational--July 13

1974-75 CALENDAR: The calendar was adopted at the clinic board meeting. The following dates should be written down.

- 1/All District Release--August 6, 1974
- 2/Board of Directors meeting, October 19, 1974, Ames
- 3/Board Meeting, March 13, 1975, Cedar Rapids Washington
- 4/Committee Meetings, March 14, 1975, CR Washington
- 5/General Meeting, March 14, 1975, CR Washington
- 6/Seventh Annual Clinic, March 14-15, 1975

PITCHING MACHINE FOR SALE: Coe College has a pitching machine for sale. It is a Dudley Iron Mike, gas or electric. If you are interested contact Roger Schlegel, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Phone 319-364-1511

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

BASEBALL RATING POLL: The Des Moines Register is conducting a rating of the baseball teams in Iowa. This is a first for high school baseball. This rating is getting the backing of the Baseball Coaches Association. Call your scores in so the coaches doing the rating can get a good look at the scores across the state.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS announced that they are revising their player development program and operation of their unique Baseball Academy, primarily as an economic measure. They will continue to have try out camps. In the cut back the Royals had to release Buzzy Keller, who spoke at our 6th Annual Clinic. The Royals felt that Buzzy contributed heavily to the success of the academy program.

10-RUN RULE: A number of games are only going 5 innings. I feel this is bad for high school baseball during the regular season. How many times have we heard of a 3-quarter basketball game if a team is behind 20 points at the end of the 3rd quarter, or a 3-quarter football game if the score is 21 points different? Why should we in baseball be in such a hurry to get the game over if we are ahead or behind. The main purpose of the game is to play. If you are winning by a large score, play everyone. If you are losing by a large score, play everyone. The 20th member of your squad would be happy to get in a game regardless of the score. You as a coach owe it to your players and yourself to play the game a full 7 innings. Forget the score and play the game for the purpose it was established--to have fun and learn the great game.

